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work load of the teachers and decrease their salary while the intended strike was for an increase in salary and a decrease in the work load?"

THE HON. DR. M. V. KRISHNA RAO:—"Sir, as I have already said, the question of revision of salaries is under consideration."

Appointment of retrenched ex-civil supplies clerks.

* 598 *Q.*—SRI P. RANGASWAMI REDDIAR: Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of retrenched ex-civil supplies clerks who appeared for the Special Competitive Examination held by the Madras Public Service Commission, 1952;

(*b*) the number of persons who secured minimum pass marks in the said examination;

(*c*) whether any or all of the candidates who have secured pass marks have been appointed in Government service;

(*d*) if so, how many; and

(*e*) whether it is a fact that all the candidates who have secured minimum pass marks were not appointed, contrary to the Government Order, on the ground that they have not secured about 45 per cent of marks?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI:—"(*a*) The number of Civil Supplies clerks who appeared for the examination in question was eight hundred and fifty-seven.

"(*b*) Seven hundred and ninety-seven.

"(*c*) & (*d*) Four hundred and twenty-five candidates have so far been selected for appointment from among those who obtained the minimum qualifying marks.

"(*e*) No, Sir. Candidates who obtained a minimum of 30 per cent of the total number of marks have been included by the Madras Public Service Commission in the list prepared on the results of the examinations held in February and June 1952. From this list candidates are being allotted as and when their turn for selection is reached for allotment with due regard to the reservation rule."

Construction of a syphon across Vadavar.

* 599 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the construction of a syphon across Vadavar and the excavation of Vadavar left side channel were taken up in the year 1951–52 under intensive cultivation scheme in the South Arcot Division;